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RACE RELATIONS AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES

Last May Chairman Bolen named Professors Furr, Strickland, and Crews to a committee created to look into and report on race relations at colleges and universities in the South. The committee sent out letters to fourteen institutions and received information on eight schools.

The gathered information suggests that the University of Mississippi's action in some areas involving black students is in keeping with what the reporting institutions have done; in other respects we appear to be lagging behind these schools. The percentage of black enrollment here compares favorably to the enrollment at schools from which we heard; on the other hand we do not have the active recruitment program of black students as exists at Florida State and the University of Virginia. We appear to lag behind the reporting schools in the areas of black student leadership, black participation in athletics, faculty and administrative positions held by blacks. The most significant difference that we can detect in race relations at the University of Mississippi and at the majority of institutions responding to our inquiry is that of policy. Several of the schools, notably the University of Arkansas, Florida State, and Virginia appear to have a systematic policy of recruiting blacks and in aiding their participation in campus life.

The committee suggests that a copy of its report be sent to Chancellor Fortune and Dean Moak, and it recommends that the faculty senate follow the lead of Florida State University and set up a committee on black student affairs. This committee would be composed of members of the senate and black students, and a representative of the University administration would be extended membership on the committee.

Shortly before the material assembled in this report was to be mimeographed, the committee received a copy of the Chancellor's report on responses to the black students' grievances. The committee is heartened by that report, and in the light of the progress being made in human relations on this campus we think the information that follows becomes more timely and should prove informative to members of the Senate.

The material that follows was taken from the letters received from responding institutions and applies primarily to the 1969-70 school year, not the current year. Copies of the letters are available and may be seen by any member of the senate.

Institutions with Black Deans:

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock
—Black Dean of Men

Institutions with Black Administrators, Counselors, Faculty Members, etc:

The University of Arkansas
—Resident assistants
—Head residents

The Florida State University
—Part-time black counselor
—Several full-time black faculty members

Louisiana State University

- Black student counselor in residence hall -Academic black counselor-Junior Division

The University of Tennessee

- Two full-time professors
- Three black administrators
- 1.53% of non-teaching and clerical positions held by blacks
- Two black administrators recently hired

Institutions with Black Student Leaders:

University of Arkansas

- Members and officers of various student organizations and faculty senate committees
- One sports editor and columnist for Arkansas Traveler, student newspaper

University of Florida

- Vice president of student body; newspaper reporters & staff members

University of Tennessee

- Outgoing president of Student Government Association

Institutions with Black Athletes:

University of Arkansas

- Varsity football player
- Basketball players
- Track team members
- Several band members

University of Tennessee

- Starter on basketball team this year
- Several football players and track members

Florida State University

- Entire varsity and freshman basketball teams composed of blacks
- Six varsity football players
- One varsity track member

Various Achievements of Institutions:

Recruitment:

Florida State University

- Conducted recruitments of black faculty members and of students
- Printed pamphlets for recruitment of blacks
- Placed temporary "freezes" on admissions by departments to screen as many black candidates as possible
- Included black students on recruiting trips to 27 public junior colleges
- Established Commission on Black Student Affairs, which is studying a list of 32 concerns and serves as a sounding board.

University of Arkansas
 -Recruitment efforts in progress

Financial Assistance:

Florida State University
 -Scholarships, NDEA, EOA workstudy grants
 -University operated program "Horizons Unlimited", consisting of financial aid and tutorial packages contracted before enrollment of students

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Black Enrollment</u>	<u>Percentage of Blacks</u>
1969	University of Arkansas at Fayetteville	11,000	135	1%
1969	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	3,500	700	20%
1970	The Florida State University	18,000	350-400	2.5%
1968-1969	Louisiana State University	18,252	360	1.9%
Fall 1969	The University of Tennessee	20,000	350	1.5%
Fall 1970	The University of Mississippi	7,800	200	2.7%
			(approximately)	

October 14, 1970.

Senator Crews stated that he had received additional information after the report had been written and he would like for the following facts to be added:

University of Georgia -Enrollment of 400 blacks out of 18,000 students - 2.7% black enrollment
 Has several blacks in full-time professional positions, such as
 -Black-financial aids officer
 -Black Admissions officer
 -Room in University Union-Black Room-social purposes
 -Black student center near campus, not funded by University
 -Money: \$3,500 for Black Awareness Week

Maryland
 -1,000 black students out of enrollment of 33,000-3.2%
 -Black director of student activities
 -Associate director of housing
 -Resident hall counsellors
 -BSU: \$9,000 from student activity fees. Last Year-\$6,500

South Carolina

- 350 blacks out of 13,000 - 2.7%
- Funds for BSU: \$1300 this year; \$1,000 last year; \$800 year before last.
- Gave BSU office space in Union
- Employs coordinator of minority student affairs, similar to foreign student advisors; this is a paid, full time position.

Florida

- 375 blacks out of 22,000 students - 1.3%
- Coordinator of disadvantaged and minority affairs
- Blacks requested Cultural Library for black literature; plans to create one in a building
- \$2,000 to BSU out of student activity fees

Senator Crews then made the following motion which was seconded by Senator Flynn:

I move that the Senate of the Faculty follow the lead of Florida State University and set up a committee on black student affairs. This committee would be composed of members of the Senate and black students, and a representative of the University administration would be extended membership on the committee.

Senator Wall moved the following amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Senator Peery:

I move that the committee on black student affairs include white students also.

The amendment to the motion was passed.

Senator Followill then moved a substitute motion which was seconded by Senator Shaw:

I move that the Senate of the Faculty set up a committee on black student affairs.

The substitute motion was passed.